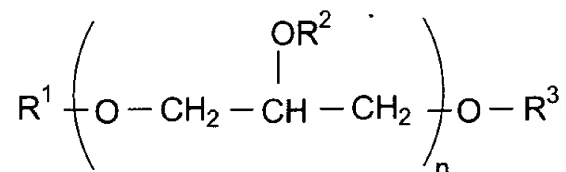


AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

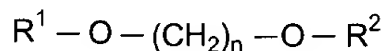
88. (Amended) A compound having a structure selected from the group consisting of:

II:



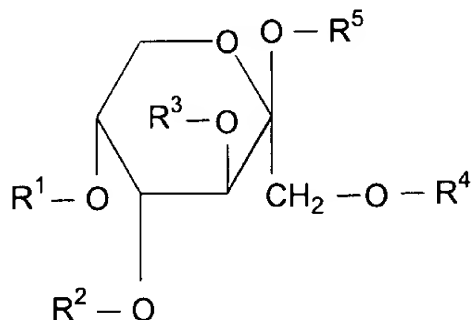
wherein R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, wherein n is between 1 and 20, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 is other than hydrogen;

III:

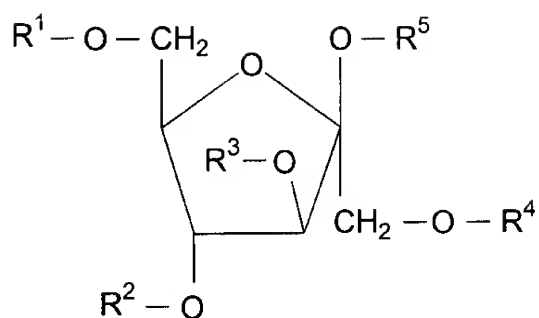


wherein n is an integer between 4 and 8, and R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is other than hydrogen;

IV:

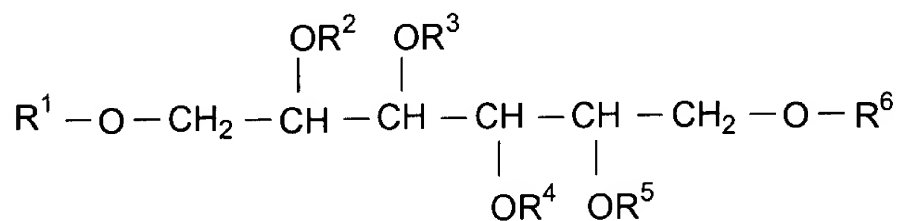


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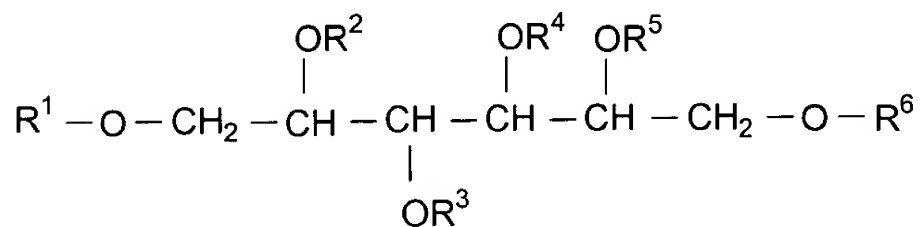


wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 is not hydrogen and is not ϵ -oxycaproyl;

VI:

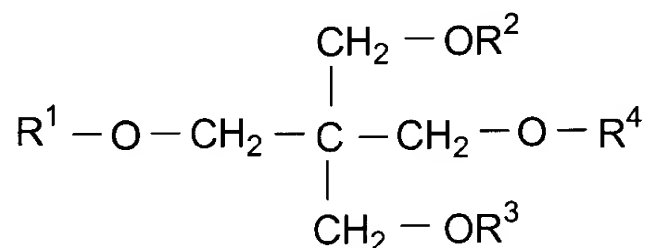


VII:



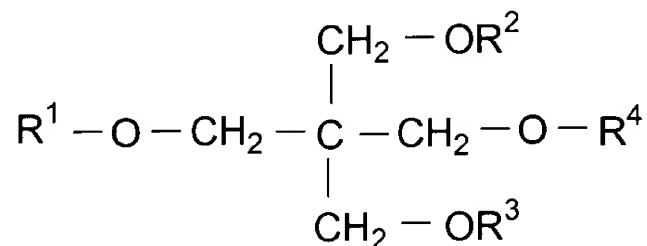
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 is other than hydrogen;

VIII:



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 is other than hydrogen.

89. (Withdrawn) The compound according to claim E, having the structure:



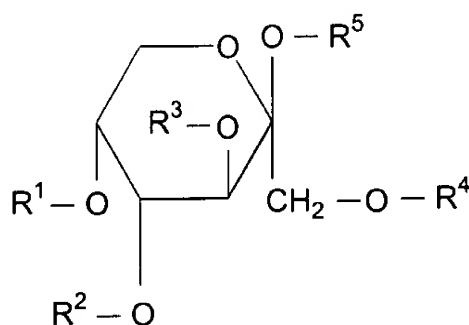
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6

carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 is other than hydrogen.

90. (Amended) The compound of claim 88, having structure IV, and wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons~~, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 is not hydrogen, ~~and is not acetyl, or ϵ -oxycaproyl~~.

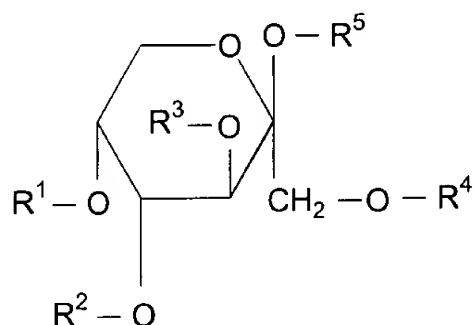
91. (Amended) The compound of claim 88, having structure IV, and wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, ~~alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons~~, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 is not hydrogen, ~~and is not alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons~~, or ϵ -oxycaproyl.

92. (Amended) A compound having structure:



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 is not hydrogen, ~~and is not acetyl, or ϵ -oxycaproyl.~~

93. (Amended) A compound having structure:



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and acyloxy-substituted alkanoyl having 2 to 6 carbons, and wherein at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 is hydroxy-substituted alkanoyl, and at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 is not ϵ -oxycaproyl.

94. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 93, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^5 are acetate, and R^4 is lactate.